

SPECIAL NOTICE:

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS GRANT OPPORTUNITIES ANNOUNCEMENT

NEA announces that application guidelines for FY 2009 grants are now available on-line at www.arts.gov. The National Endowment for the Arts is a federal agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts - both new and established, bringing the arts to all Americans, and providing leadership in arts education. Annually, the agency awards more than \$100 million in matching grants to non-profit organizations in all 50 States. In FY 2007, the agency awarded at least one direct grant in all Congressional districts.

Grant Information

The Arts Endowment awards grants to non-profit organizations for arts projects that are of national, regional, or field-wide significance; that tour in several states; or that provide an unusual or especially valuable contribution because of geographic location. Grants are awarded also for local projects that can have significant effects within communities or that are likely to serve as program models. Arts Endowment funding is available for projects in the following fields: Dance, Design, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literature, Media Arts (Film, Radio, Television), Museums, Music, Musical Theater, Opera, Presenting, Theater and Visual Arts. The Endowment also awards grants to local and State Arts Agencies and to Regional Arts Organizations.

Funding Categories

Access to Artistic Excellence: Projects that foster and preserve excellence in the arts and provide access to the arts for all Americans. An organization may request a matching grant from \$5,000 to \$150,000. Application deadlines: March 10, 2008 and August 11, 2008. (See Guidelines to determine which deadline pertains to which type of project.) **Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review**

Grants: Grants for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations. Matching grants are for \$10,000. Application deadline: June 2, 2008. **Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth:** Projects that enhance the quality of, and access to, arts education for children and youth. Matching grants are from \$5,000 to \$150,000. Application deadline: June 9, 2008.

For Application Assistance

Review the following website for more information:
<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

The website includes "frequently asked questions" and names and phone numbers of Endowment staff to answer questions about the application process. Examples of recent grants can be found at www.arts.gov/grants/recent. Applications must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov, the federal government's online application system.
